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Title: SKELETAL IMPLANTS		

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS	ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Statement(s)</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages 69] (preferred arrangement set forth below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Descriptive title of the Invention - Cross References to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) - Detailed Description - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 26]</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 4]</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy) <input type="checkbox"/> Unexecuted</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 20 completed) [Note Box 6 below]</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 5b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-Rom or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)</p>	<p>9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF)</p> <p>b. Specification Sequence Listing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. <input type="checkbox"/> paper <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statements verifying identity of above copies</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation Document (if applicable)</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Citations</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment</p> <p>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)</p> <p>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Figure of Drawing to be published 64</p> <p>17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foreign priority claimed</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim of Priority</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignee: _____</p> <p>19. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Request for Examiner Approval of Drawing Amendment (with three sheets) Copy of Request for Extension of Time filed concurrently in Parent Application No. 09/200,855 _____ _____ _____</p>
<p>20. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Divisional <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior Application No. 09/200,855, filed November 30, 1998. Prior application information: Examiner: _____ Group Art Unit: _____</p> <p>21. <input type="checkbox"/> Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This application is a continuation-in-part, continuation, divisional, of Application No. _____ / _____, filed _____.</p>	

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	Not Yet Assigned
Filing Date	Concurrently Herewith
First Named Inventor	F. ZACOUTO et al.
Group Art Unit	Unassigned
Examiner Name	Unassigned

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Applicant Claims Small Entity Status See 37 CFR 1.27.

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1. FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee 370
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 370)

2. CLAIMS

Total Claims	-20=	Extra 0	Fee from below x 18	= Fee Paid 0
Independent 3	-3=	0	x 84	= 0
Claims				
Multiple Dependent Claims		x 280	= 0	

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103	18	203	9
102	84	202	42
104	280	204	140
109	84	209	42
110	18	210	9

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Prior to Examiner action
				Requesting publication of SIR after
115	110	215	55	Examiner action
116	400	216	200	Extension for response within 1st month
				Extension for response within 2nd month
117	920	217	460	Extension for response within 3rd month
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for response within 4th month
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for response within 5th month
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications
126	180	126	180	Submission of IDS
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application
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CLAIM OF PRIORITY

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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon French Application Nos. 9609157, filed July 22, 1996 and 9805549, filed April 30, 1998. As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.55, certified copies of the French applications have been filed in parent Application No. 09/200,855, filed November 30, 1998

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please extend the period for responding to the Final Office action dated July 11, 2001, by three months, from October 11, 2001 to January 11, 2002. Applicants are filing this extension of time for the purpose of establishing copendency with a concurrently filed continuation application.

A check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed for the three month extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Group Art Unit: 3738

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Appln. No. : Unknown

(Continuation of US application 09/200,855)

Examiner: B. Snow

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REQUEST FOR EXAMINER APPROVAL OF DRAWING AMENDMENT

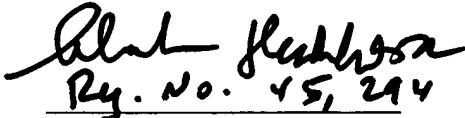
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Sir:

Attached hereto are three drawing sheets, which include changes to FIGS. 46, 47 and 64 indicated in red. These drawings are being filed concurrently with Applicants' Preliminary Amendment.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate approval of the entry of the amended drawings in the next Office action.

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